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Jumping the gun



Little Jack Tidwell of Orono tried to get an early start at the beginning of the one-mile road race at Andover Olde Home Days Saturday. As the other runners watched in amusement, he was quickly corralled and returned to the starting line. The race was one of many activities of the day, which drew a large crowd. More Olde Home Days photos on Page 9.

A. Aloisio

Telstar parents hear 4-H plan

BY AMY CHAPMAN

About 50 people, many of them parents of ninth-graders, attended a meeting at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center last week to learn more about a collaborative program that will base the Telstar freshman class at the 4-H Camp for most of the academic day during the second semester of the upcoming school year.

SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy said that a new state law requires all students, beginning with the class of 2018, to demonstrate proficiency in order to receive a high school diploma. He compared the process of demonstrating academic proficiency to taking the road test for a driver's license with an in-

structor who is qualified to certify driving skills.

"That was an activity in which you had to demonstrate proficiency, and someone had to say, 'Yes, you're proficient enough to be able to get a license.'

Students will no longer receive only traditional letter grades to earn credits toward graduation. Instead, Murphy said, "You're going to actually have something that says that someone who is certified in that particular subject area has reviewed your work and made a determination that you get it. It's not just cramming for a test, taking the test, and passing it."

Parents' concerns centered around the lack of information they had re-

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Greenwood school director to ask for re-vote on 4-H plan

BY ALISON ALOISIO

New Greenwood School Director Larry Merlino told town selectmen Tuesday he would seek a re-vote on a plan to base Telstar ninth graders at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond beginning this fall (see related story).

Merlino and fellow di-
rector Stacey Sandvoss

attended the selectmen's meeting in what he said could be the first of periodic updates on issues for the selectmen.

He said that while he thought the ninth-grade idea was a good one and had voted for it at the board's July 14 meeting, the process was flawed.

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Greenwood to revisit TIF-funded projects

Some property values would not be counted in figuring school budget share

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With more development at Mt. Abram anticipated, Greenwood officials met last week to consider possibly funding a rebuild of the Howe Hill Road through tax increment financing (TIF).

TIF funding might also be considered for improvements in Locke's Mills Village.

A TIF is an arrangement

by which additional taxes resulting from increases in property value within a designated TIF "district" are set aside for specific infrastructure improvement related to the district.

In the case of Howe Hill Road, increased tax revenue collected from Mt. Abram over the several years following an expansion project would be specifically designated for im-

proving the road, which washes out during storms.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said voters could decide to either wait until enough tax funds were collected to pay for the road improvements, or they could vote to take out a bond and the town could then use those funds to make payments on the bond.

Mt. Abram is planning a solar panel array, condo-

miniums and a new lodge, she said, although there is no specific time frame yet established for the projects.

Greenwood had preliminary discussions about a TIF process two years ago when Mt. Abram first considered its expansion projects, but the idea was shelved when the mountain work was postponed.

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Newry vote on withdrawal plan process postponed

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry's vote on whether to start a withdrawal plan process will be postponed to September, it was announced at Tuesday's public hearing on the issue.

The original vote was set for Aug. 19, but town offi-

cials then learned absentee ballots must be available for 30 days before the vote.

Selectmen are expected to set a date for mid-to-later September within two weeks, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

The referendum-style vote will pose the following question, according to article wording provided at the hearing: "Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the board of directors of regional school unit MSAD #44 Telstar Regional

High School and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend \$50,000 and authorizing the municipal officers to issue notes in the name of the Town of Newry, Page 3

Buying Club a boon for locavores

BY AMY CHAPMAN

How can you eat well while saving money, shopping from home, and supporting local farmers, the environment, and Maine's economy?

The Boondocks Buying Club has the answer. The club works like an on-line farmers' market, giving members access to locally-grown organic and natural

foods year-round. Club members Bonnie Pooley and Anna Sysko recently led a workshop at Telstar High School, sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, to encourage more people, especially seniors, to participate in the buying club, and to demystify the ordering process.

Boondocks was started in 2010 by a group of

local people with a mission: to provide the community with easy access to a wide variety of products made and grown in Maine, and to keep costs down by joining together to purchase in bulk.

The club purchases products from Crown o' Maine Organic Cooperative in

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Letters

SPENDING MONEY WITHOUT CONSENT

To the Editor:

I couldn't agree more with what my friend of over 40 years, Steve Wight, wrote in last week's Bethel Citizen. "As we live toward the new world of the 21st century we must all communicate openly with each other!" I wish that Steve believed this in 2005 when as first Newry Selectman he most assuredly kept the citizens of Newry in the dark about the behind the scenes efforts to make SAD 44 an exception to the new statewide school funding formula!

Steve's "new world of the 21st century" is not my new world. My new world is more in line with Jane Ryerson's and Jan Kendrick's where "transparent vetting" is the norm. Actually this isn't new at all. It's always been at the core of our democracy. The most important goal of a democracy is giving EVERYONE an equal choice and vote in major decisions affecting the public. Sending SAD 44 students to the Conservation School is another example of how easy it is to spend other people's (Newry's) tax money without their consent.

Jim Sysko
Newry

ARTIRONDACK AUCTION THANKS

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Arts Council would like to recognize the generous support of the many individuals and businesses that made the 2014 ARTirondack Auction a wonderful success.

Special thanks go to the local artists who created 10 hand-painted, one-of-a-kind chair designs: Lauren Head, Tera Ingraham, Sarah Renee Lane, Sarah Shepley, Audrey Arguin, Kathy Barbarian, Sonia Albin, Aranka Matolcsy and The Eddy School Students guided by Sarah Hemeon. We greatly appreciate the efforts and kindness of local chair maker, Reggie Brown of Hooked On Country.

Many thanks to our chair sponsors: Doug Zinchuck Roofing, Pat's Pizza, Elements Art Gallery, Bethel Bait & Tackle and Reggie and Mary Brown. Many thanks to those businesses which served as viewing locations for the chairs: Bethel USPS, Norway Savings Bank, Ruthie's Boutique/Bethel Village Motel, Pat's Pizza and the Bethel Inn Resort.

Great appreciation goes to the auctioneers: Mahoosuc Arts Council Chair Tera Ingraham and Community Activist and arts supporter Steve Wight.

Thank you to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for providing top billing in the Bandstand and a great spot on the common.

We also thank the bidders and most importantly, the buyers of the chairs who see the beauty of the art and also understand that the true value affords arts educational programming for our students.

This project celebrates the talents of local artisans while raising funds that further our continuing efforts to support the advancement of the arts and humanities in the adult communities and school systems of the greater Bethel area. Proceeds go to support vital arts programming for the K-12, public and private students and adults of this region.

If you are interesting in supporting this program in the future, visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

Anarka Matolcsy, Executive Director
Mahoosuc Arts Council

CORRECTION

LAND BOUGHT IN 1971-A story in last week's Citizen about Nancy Willard should have said she bought her land in 1971. Also an update and an additional piece of information: the Bicentennial calendar work is now being done by Wayne Howe and Beth Emerson; Willard served as president of the Community Lakes Association for 21 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing topics they believe to be of interest to the community.

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MAINE STATE TRIATHLON INFORMATION

To the editor:

This Sunday, Aug. 10, more than 200 athletes will swim, bike and run their way around the Bethel area during the 23rd Annual Maine State Triathlon. The course starts and finishes at The Bethel Inn Resort's Lake House on Songo Pond in Albany Township. Please join us in welcoming the athletes and their friends and families to the area.

For the safety of the athletes and volunteer race organizers, Route 5/35 will be closed from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday between the intersections of Mill Hill Road/Grover Hill Road to the north, and Vernon Street to the south. Please avoid this area during this time except in the case of an emergency. Residents around Songo Pond may exit to the north or south if necessary, but please avoid the area of the Bethel Inn/Lake House altogether. Church-goers who would normally pass this way should allow time to seek a different route. Lower Main Street may experience short delays as cyclists turn right onto it from Vernon Street, then left onto Railroad Street. Volunteer road guards will be positioned at key intersections to assist people with navigating around the event.

For young athletes, the Maine State Kids' Triathlon will also take place in Bethel on Saturday, Aug. 9. This untimed, just-for-fun event starts and finishes at Angevine Park on North Road. The course consists of a 100-yard swim, a 3-mile bike ride, and a 1-mile run. Kids ages 8 to 14 may join in, and all will receive a T-shirt and a medal of participation. The registration fee is \$25. Event-day registration is permitted for the Kids' Triathlon. Drivers should avoid or be extremely cautious in this area from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the event, including course maps, road closures, registration for both adults and kids and more, visit www.mainestatetriathlon.com. Contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282 or e-mail info@bethelmaine.com with any questions.

We would like to thank the whole community (especially our 50 or so volunteers!) for helping make the Maine State Triathlon a fun and safe event for all involved. If you see the athletes racing around the area, make sure to cheer them on!

Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

TRULY STUDY HISTORY

To the editor:

If we're to learn from history we must truly study it.

In 1939, Great Britain and France basically handed Czechoslovakia, their ally, to Germany. This was a major blunder, but it is not the same as what is happening in Yugoslavia today for a number of reasons.

Czechoslovakia had the third largest military in Europe. Yugoslavia's army is tiny. Czechoslovakia had the largest armaments works, Skoda, outside of Krupp in Germany. Yugoslavia has no such factories. Czechoslovakia was geographically and strategically a knife into the heart of the Third Reich. Yugoslavia is an afterthought on the border of Russia.

This is not to say that Russia has a moral right to annex Yugoslavia. It is simply to point out that while the western powers in 1939 had every reason to go to war to protect what would have been their staunchest ally the US has no such strategic or tactical reasons to threaten military action against the second most powerful military on earth today. That would be analogous to Russia threatening the US militarily because we invaded Haiti. But then we have become adept at threatening or invading other countries while warning others never to do so. We have military bases in over 130 nations today - 130. Great Britain at the height of her empire never had troops in so many. Who is invading whom?

Chandler McGraw
Bethel

JUST DO NOT STUMBLE

To the editor:

The historical events mentioned in Mr. Grover's "Stumbling Into War?" presentation are factually accurate but it's intent is obvious and consistent with the Republican establishment in Washington's prime compelling endeavor which is to discredit President Obama politically by blaming him for every unbecoming situation that occurs on the face of the earth. As far as the Russian incursion into the Ukraine is concerned, those like Mr. Grover who contend that the President is not dealing with that situation appropriately would be to imply that they actually know what it is that he should be doing, so instead of whining and complaining why not just come right out and state what it is.

There are some of the military mongers in this nation that say that diplomacy is an ineffective medium and that we should provide arms to the Ukrainian nationals that they could better defend themselves. This of course would only serve to legitimize Putin's further assistance to the rebels, and intensify the conflict possibly beyond redemption. Actually there is no viable military solution to that situation unless those who think that there is would consider it a prudent exercise to play a game of nuclear chicken with the Russians.

Never in the history of mankind has there ever been sufficient resolve by any factor to not use whatever device is available to them to prevail over that which might otherwise constitute their demise. Should such an occasion ever be fostered it could result in global holocaust that would render civilized humanity nonexistent.

Don Chase
Bethel

TIF

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At that time the rough estimate for the work on Howe Hill Road was \$1 million for the approximate mile-and-a-half distance.

A TIF would also allow that any increased property value associated with Mt. Abram not be counted against the town's valuation for purposes of calculating Greenwood's share of the SAD 44 school budget, nor for calculating the amount of state revenue sharing the town receives.

Gathering for last Thursday's meeting were selectmen Fred Henderson and Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kim Sparks, Budget Committee members Brian Dunham and Larry Merlino, Western Maine Economic Development Council Director Glenn Holmes, Mt. Abram General Manager Dave Scanlan, consultant Matt Eddy and TIF expert Shana Cook Mueller of the law firm Bernstein Shur.

According to the meeting minutes, the group agreed "that it was a perfect time

to dust off the plan with so many of our businesses at their lowest assessed values and ready and eager to start new ventures."

To set up a TIF, a baseline tax assessment is first established. The lower it is, the larger the tax increment increases - and therefore the amount of money available for road and other improvements - will likely be, Sparks said.

She said, for example, that with part of the Saunders Mill collapse this past winter, and Mt. Abram's solar panel array project yet to be installed, the assessments on those properties would have been at their lowest this year.

Sparks also said more work was needed on the earlier plan that had focused on the downtown area. Eddy said he could put that together, focusing on an arts district for the Town Hall. No other specific village projects are being considered at this time, Sparks said.

Eddy suggested that the

town form a planning committee to work on the details. Following a suggestion from Dunham, the group agreed to approach the town's current Building Committee members about transforming that committee to one that would help with the TIF, and later with the creation of a town Comprehensive Plan.

The officials at last week's meeting also agreed on the following schedule of planning meetings, all open to the public.

Thursday, Aug. 21 - Workshop with Selectmen, Budget Committee, and Comprehensive Plan Committee, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Thursday, Sept. 18 - TIF 101, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Thursday, Oct. 16 - Prepare list of projects, 6 p.m., Town Office.

The town officials hope to have a TIF plan ready for voters at the 2015 Town Meeting.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: The Telstar High School Varsity Field Hockey Team sponsored a field hockey day camp for girls.

Births: Liberty Jean Wells, Katelynn Louise Evans, Andrew Gregory Keniston.

Deaths: June P. Starbird, Russell J. Mack, Merritt M. Kimball, Marjorie McGuire, Leland John Kangas.

20 years ago: The Newry Planning Board approved Sunday River Ski Resort's proposal to construct a road through the Mountain View Acres subdivision into Jordan Bowl.

Boxer Joey Gamache was grand marshal of the Andover Olde Home Days parade.

Births: Emma Taylor and Meghan Rachel Cole, Echo Lynn Hoyt, Megan Millett LeCroix.

Deaths: Jerry F. Dugas, Richard J. Brown, Thaddeus S. Jastrzebski, Allan O. Swan.

30 years ago: A gathering of 122 relatives and friends honored Ted Gallant at his home on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Birth: Rick Allen Savage, Jr.

Death: Ray O. Roberts.

40 years ago: Telstar students Patty Owen, Cindy Parker, Ellen Lovejoy, Kaye Swan and Ann Summerton were attending Maine Music Camp.

Births: Wade Edward Corkum, Thomas Aaron Dupont.

Deaths: Mrs. Edna G. Corey, Laurence E. Brown, Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson.

50 years ago: The new four-season brochure prepared by the publicity committee of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce was available.

Margaret Joy Tibbets was sworn in as ambassador to Norway.

Deaths: Arthur J. Valley, H.F. Richardson, Nathan Noble.

60 years ago: Bruce Bailey bought the Walton Sears property known as "Highfields."

The annual reunion of former members and teachers of the West Bethel School was held at Pleasant Valley Grange Hall.

Births: Spencer Herbert Buck, Llewellyn Everett Cobb.

Deaths: Mrs. Archie T. Heath, Edwin C. Barnard, Walton H. Sears, Howard D. McAllister, Reuben Canwell.

70 years ago: Gould Academy classes of '88 and '89 held their reunion at Mrs. Rena Foster's cottage, Middle Intervale road.

Henry H. Hastings passed the Maine bar examinations.

80 years ago: Starving cattle from the western drought area were being shipped to Maine for pasturing. One thousand head were in the first shipment.

Five hundred boys and girls, leaders and guests attended the 4-H Club Field Day at Papoose Pond.

Death: Lincoln Fuller.

90 years ago: Work was started on the Christian Science Church on Chapman Street.

Herschell Walker was severely injured while working on the new dormitory at Gould Academy.

Work on Mill Brook Bridge was underway. Traffic was detoured by Mill Hill and "Lover's Lane."

Death: George Forrest Bartlett.

100 years ago: The Oxford County Patriotic Association, made up largely of old soldiers, their wives and families, held their annual meeting at Central Park, South Paris. Mrs. Grace Tyler of Bethel was elected junior vice-president.

Death: Simeon H. Brown.

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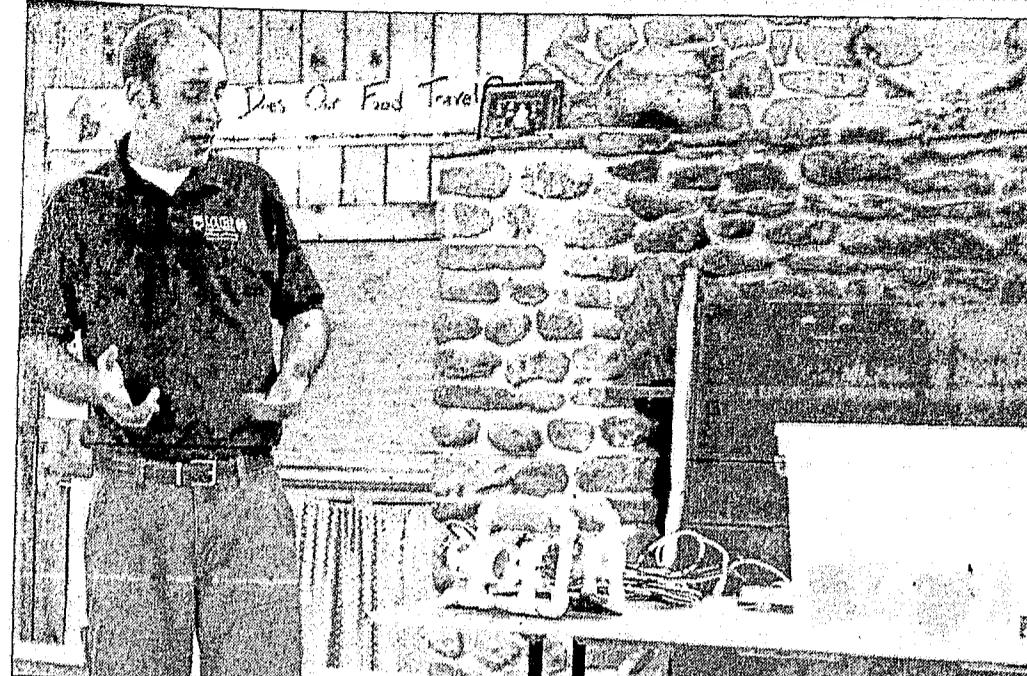
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NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

TELSTAR

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At last week's informational meeting for SAD 44 ninth grade parents, Ryder Scott, executive director of the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, demonstrated an underwater robot. It was assembled, modified, and operated by students at the camp to locate infestations of milfoil in Lake Christopher.

A. Chapman

ceived prior to the vote of the school board to adopt the program.

"I really feel that this process has kind of gone backwards," said the parent of a freshman, who said there should have been a public meeting at which parents were told, "This is what we're thinking of doing, this is what we'd like to do, what's your input on it?"

"I'm concerned about my daughter's education, and her being a guinea pig," he said.

Murphy reminded parents that the program will not be fully implemented until January. The "soft start" will allow freshmen to learn about the program and attend several events at the 4-H Camp during the fall semester, while giving staff, students, and parents an opportunity to identify potential problems.

Murphy said he had spent several weeks in talks with 4-H staff prior to approaching the School Board's Education Committee.

"We had to figure out if this could work," he said, before bringing the proposal to the full board, which is responsible for decisions about educational protocol.

Once the board had voted in support of the program, he said, "We wanted this process to begin. We've got five months to make sure that we address this in the best possible way."

He said the School Board has requested updates throughout the fall semester, when district staff and students will begin working with the 4-H staff and taking occasional field trips to the camp.

"We'll be assessing this as we go along, and if there are things that we need to pull back on, or things we need to do differently, we'll be making those determinations," Murphy said. "We need to be sure that this is going to provide, not just as good an education, but a better education."

4-H Camp Executive Director Ryder Scott gave background on the reasoning that led to the formation of a partnership between 4-H and SAD 44.

"One of the pillars of 4-H, and one of the missions of the Youth Development program, is to be a resource for schools, in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education, specifically, but also in other aspects of education, including arts, leadership development, service learning, and all aspects of the 4-H model," he said.

Recent studies, he said, have shown students in the U.S. lagging behind their counterparts in other developed nations, particularly in the areas of STEM education. Research by the National Governors' Association pointed to partnerships between schools and informal education centers as a way to address student needs, Scott said.

The 4-H Camp staff has been working with the students at Oxford Hills Middle School for four years, and, he told the group, "the impacts on the students have been phenomenal." He said the students are more engaged with learning, more of them aspire to higher education, and more are considering careers in the STEM fields.

Scott gave an example of how the hands-on work students will do with district and 4-H staff at the Bryant Pond facility can be used to assess their proficiency in science, math, physics, language arts, and other areas of education.

"It starts with identifying a real-world need," he said. Students are then asked, "If you could do something—for school credit—to help solve this problem that we've been learning about, what would it be?"

He described how students had come up with the idea of assembling an underwater robot, outfitting it with a camera, and using it to locate and map infestations of milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant, in local lakes and ponds. In addition to the math and science ability they demonstrated in this project, the students also demonstrated reading, writing, and leadership skills.

A parent asked why district teachers couldn't do the same types of projects with students at the high school.

Murphy responded that the goal is to provide opportunities that can't be offered in a traditional school setting, with the benefit of a partnership with the University of Maine system and access to the 4-H staff, "who have been involved in experiential learning for a long time."

He added that he expects district staff and students to carry their experiences back to school with them, and for upperclassmen and other teachers to become involved in more hands-on learning projects at the Telstar campus.

Another parent said her son had misgivings about the program, and the short notice did not give the family time to pursue alternative options for his education.

"Every kid is different," she said. "Some like this kind of program, but some kids just don't want to do it."

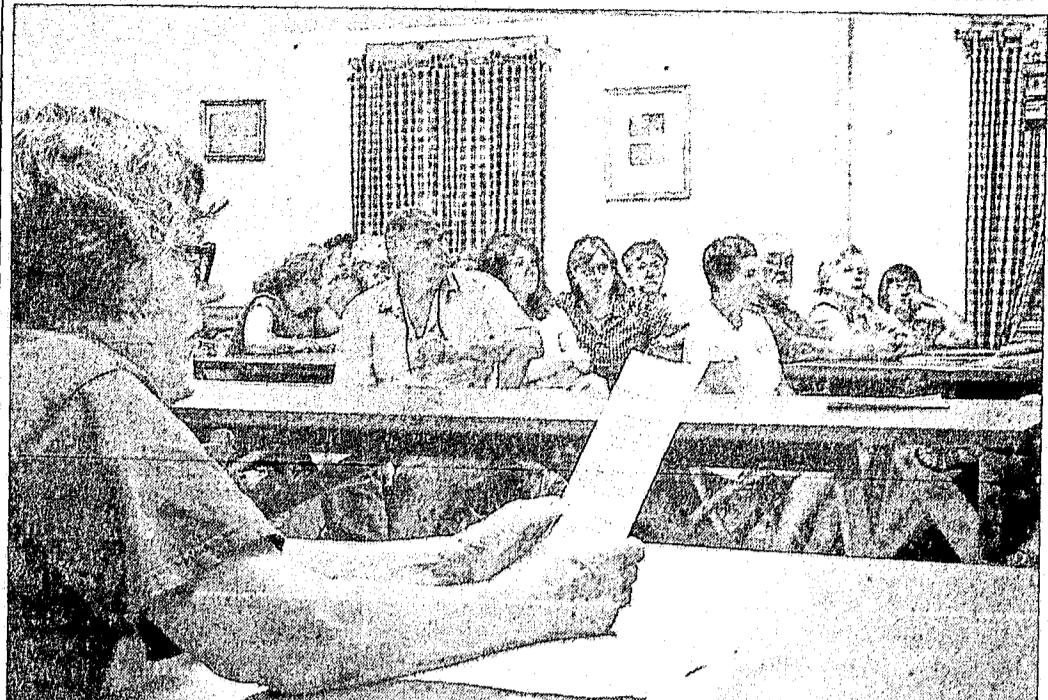
Murphy said that all students who will graduate in 2018 will be required to earn a standards-based diploma, "and we want to make sure that we give our kids every advantage we can, rather than have them be behind the eight-ball."

Jamie Hastings, the parent of an incoming freshman, said she was comfortable leaving decisions about education in the hands of educators.

"I'd just like to say that I

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Newry residents listen to discussion on the school withdrawal process.

A. Aloisio

wry or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Newry in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this purpose?

If a majority approves starting the process, a Withdrawal Committee would be formed to create an educational plan for Newry's two dozen students and negotiate a partition of the ways with the district. Once the plan/negotiations are complete, the state would have to approve and the town would then vote on whether to actually leave SAD 44. A 2/3 majority of those voting would be needed.

"I was really excited when I heard that this was an option, because I know kids like me will benefit from this," she said.

At the meeting, Murphy introduced new Telstar High School Principal Ann Bell, who said she was excited to be part of the new program.

"We have to change our mindset to say that education the way we knew it just isn't getting done what we need to get done for our students in the type of world they're going into," Bell said.

"I'm very excited to be onboard with this program, to help Telstar High School become a rigorous academic school. I'm willing to roll up my sleeves and work with everybody that's involved here to make this a positive experience for our students."

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Christen Mason
Town Clerk

ous interested residents. Halfway through the meeting Pat Roma wanted to know if the withdrawal planning process were approved, whether a detailed report on those issues would be produced.

"What I'm hearing are differing viewpoints, without hearing the facts behind them," he said. "For \$50,000 will I get a detailed report dealing with each and every one of these issues, fact based and not opinion based? ... I think it's a worthy cause, to get answers to all of these questions. Spend the money, we can afford it, and get this thing analyzed properly," he said.

Getting the facts
Tuesday's hearing, attended by about 45 people, lasted 45 minutes and covered many of the facets of the issue already discussed this year in various forums: cost-sharing among district towns, Newry residents' taxes relative to other towns, Newry's representation on the School Board, the quality of education in SAD 44, new requirements by the state for performance-based education, options for educating Newry students if the town withdrew, the financial impact on other district towns. There were differing views and information provided by vari-

\$50,000 cost is only 1/60 of what the town currently pays SAD 44.

Powers wondered about the option of trying to negotiate a new cost-sharing agreement with SAD 44 more favorable to Newry, with Newry remaining in the district.

Webster said she believed the only way that might happen would be if the town voted for the withdrawal plan process. Without that, she said, the other towns would have no motivation for discussing it.

Selectmen's meeting

Just prior to the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting. Webster submitted her resignation from the School Board, effective Aug. 15, and selectmen appointed Whitney Gray to serve in her place until the March 2015 Town Meeting, according to Powers.

The selectmen also discussed and supported a change in November to single sort recycling at the Tri-Town Transfer Station. A formal vote is yet to take place. Powers said Bethel and Hanover, partners with Newry in the station, must also approve.

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Woodstock gets fireworks complaints

BY KEN BRIGGS

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday heard several citizen complaints about fireworks, especially around Lake Christopher.

Selectman Rick Young agreed that there is a problem, but was skeptical of the possibility of creating a new ordinance regulating fireworks. "There is no way to enforce it," he said.

It was suggested that landlords advise their renters that fireworks can only be used on rental properties with written permission from the landowner.

Ladder truck

In other business, the board agreed to cap repair costs for the town's ladder

truck at \$10,000.

Fire Chief Kyle Hopps reported that the gearing for the ladder turntable needs to be replaced in order to make the ladder workable and safe. He added that it is hard to get parts for such an old truck.

Woodstock bought the truck from Dixfield for \$2,100 a few years ago. On its first day of service it was used to extinguish a chimney fire.

Selectmen are looking to have a contingency plan in case repairs go over the agreed amount. They want to keep a ladder truck as it is a lot safer for personnel to use, especially in winter, for accessing chimneys and taller houses.

Hopps said a new truck, similar in purpose and de-

sign, would cost around \$700,000 and one with an integral pump "would cost around \$1,000,000."

He also reported that the town's new utility truck is on its way from Michigan.

The board also heard some suggestions for setting criteria for inclusion on the Veteran's Monument.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield will find the minutes for the original vote setting up the monument and report back.

A bid for roadside mowing for \$2,200 from Alan Fleet was accepted. Fleet's was the only bid.

There will be a special Town Meeting on Aug. 19 to transfer funds to the Winter Roads and Equipment accounts.

Sunday River to host O2X Summit Challenge, with goal of zero impact

The O2X Summit Challenge Series is teaming up with the event "greening" team at REVERB with the goal of a zero-impact, zero-waste series of events, according to a press release. One will take place at Sunday River Resort on Sept. 27.

A mountain running experience that blends trail running and creative natural challenges with a summit finish, O2X Summit Challenges (www.O2X.com) are designed to provide a healthy challenge for a variety of fitness levels, from weekend hikers to elite trail runners.

The kickoff event takes place at Sugarbush, Vt. (Sept. 13), followed by Sunday River (Sept. 27), Loon Mountain, N.H. (Oct. 18) and Windham, N.Y. (Oct. 25).

A weekend-long "Base-Camp" will blend on-site camping, scheduled nature hikes for friends and spectators, training-and-performance exhibits, and a farmer's market-inspired gathering of local fare, the release said.

REVERB (www.REVERB.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 2004 by environmentalist Lauren Sullivan and her musician husband, Adam Gardner of Guster.

according to the release, REVERB provides comprehensive, custom greening programs for music tours while conducting grassroots outreach and education with fans around the globe.

"We have pushed hard from the conception of this event to hold ourselves and our partners to the highest standard of environmental responsibility," said O2X co-founder Craig Coffey. "A zero-impact event is what we're all striving for, and bringing in REVERB is another step toward our goal."

In addition to greening work with bands and artists, REVERB also works to move forward the sustainable practices of music industry leaders, including venues, record labels, and radio stations. REVERB

organizers are committed to composting and recycling whenever possible, working with local suppliers to reduce shipping impact, avoiding single-serve packages and donating salvageable foods in the local area after the event, according to the release.

All O2X courses are built to U.S. Forest Service guidelines, and organizers are committed to a first-of-its-kind Remediation Pledge to leave the mountain in better shape than they found it, the release said.

Bear helps himself at self-serve pie stand in Bear River

BY BONNIE WASHUK
AND MATTHEW DAIGLE/
BUN MEDIA WIRE

The Puzzle Mountain pie stand, in Newry, which sells homemade pies on the honor system, has attracted the appetites of Route 26 tourists and hikers.

They honor the honor system, leaving money in a box.

But lately the pie stand has attracted a pie-hungry bear, which has crossed the highway — looking but for traffic — and taken pies. It appears to be smarter than the average bear.

The pie stand, operated by Mary Jo Kelly, is at 806 Bear River Road (Route 26), which leads to Grafton Notch State Park.

On July 18, broker Lorie Olson of Bearfoot Realty took friends on a hiking trail. A member of the Moosehead Land Trust, it was Olson's week to monitor the Step Falls trail.

After hiking, she showed off points of interest, including her favorite, the pie stand. "It's a fun place to stop," she said. "They have quite a business."

As her vehicle approached the stand, she and friend Adriana Moreno yelled, "A bear! A bear! A bear!"

The bear was running away from the pie stand and crossing the street, Olson said. It had discarded a pie that was partially eaten. It was a mixed-berry pie.

The bear ran into the woods, Olson said. It looked well-fed, she said.

Later that same day, just before dusk, Newry Town Administrator Lorella Powers got a call from her brother from near the pie stand who mentioned, "Oh, there's a bear here."

Powers lives close to the pie stand. She told her husband. They drove over in their Jeep (just in case) and pulled into the stand's driveway.

No one was home, but the bear was still there.

"The bear was across the street, in the trees, trying to cross the road," Pow-

ers said. "He was road smart," dodging traffic. "We watched him for 20 minutes. Finally, he came across to the pie stand and picked up a pie."

It was blueberry.

Powers and her husband tried to scare the bear away so it wouldn't keep eating. "There wouldn't be anything left," Powers said.

It probably ate four to six pies, judging by the empty pie tins they later found in the trees. They took the pies and cookies indoors and left a note for the stand's owner. The stand owner's mother sent Powers a Facebook message asking how to keep the bear away, Powers said.

The bear hung around for a week, but it hasn't been seen recently, Powers said. Bears aren't uncommon sights in Western Maine, especially this time of year when raspberries and blueberries ripen, Powers said.

You can't blame the bear. What's concerning, Vashon said, is that once bears have access to food, they lose their fear of people.

Bear advice

When a bear has access to food near people, it gets used to people and associates them with food, Vashon said. Some people have worsened the problem by feeding bears, which in other states have led to the animals needing to be captured and put down. "Fortunately, in Maine, it's not common," Vashon said.

She recommends people keep all food, including bird food and livestock, indoors if bears are near or sighted.

"Usually, we keep (the pies) out until the sun goes down," Kelly said. "We

Mt Abram to upgrade snowmaking system

GREENWOOD-Mt. Abram is taking a big step toward ensuring a sustainable future by renovating its water pumping capacity and snowmaking infrastructure, according to an Aug. 5 press release. The new system will quadruple the uphill water capacity and pressure, giving the ski area a new level of dependable, quality snow conditions. The renovation is one of the largest mountain capital improvements at Mt Abram over the last 15 years, the release said. "We are extremely excited to bring forward a consistent high-quality, affordable skiing experience to our local communities. Our new system will ensure that we are able to open our mountain with more trails by mid-December and allow us to rebound faster from challenging weather events," said Dave Scanlan, Mt. Abram's general manager. "This shows our guests that we are committed to upgrading the skiing and riding experience. Having the ability to move more water onto the mountain will also allow us to revisit our terrain park options as well as looking at expanding snowmaking onto additional slopes in the future." To help with some of the capital needs, Mt. Abram has been awarded an Efficiency Incentive Grant. The money will be used for the installation of two variable speed drives on the new pumphouse. The grant is part of the Efficiency Maine Business Program. Work on the new pump house will start this month and is expected to be completed in time for the upcoming season, the release said.

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Boondocks Buying Club members Anna Sysko and Bonnie Pooley offer samples of foods made with products purchased through the club at a recent public information session.

A Chapman wide variety of foods and other items, nearly all of them grown or produced in Maine, including fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers, jams, honey, maple syrup, butter, and even gelato, made by Maple's Organics in Yarmouth.

Frozen meats and seafoods are also available, as are grains, flours, dry beans, environmentally friendly cleaning products from Maine's Greener Cleener, and artisanal soda sweetened with honey from Green Bee in Brunswick.

All of the products available for purchase through the club are either organic or all-natural.

Pooley said she is encouraged to see more young people becoming involved in growing and producing food in Maine.

"I am doing this because I so believe in local foods and local farmers," she said. "As an older person in this community, I also see this as a way for us to support young people who are starting businesses. As elders, it's our role to do what we can to support them. I am passionate about this!"

The club has a tiered membership fee structure that allows people to decide how much they want to pay based on how much of a volunteer commitment they are able to make, from \$20 annually with a commitment to assist with at least six orders per year, to \$60 annually for people who are unavailable to help out on Fridays when the order arrives.

Once people enroll in the club and pay the annual membership fee, it is up to them to decide how often and how much to order, Pooley said.

The Boondocks Buying Club website, www.boondocksb.org, has information about membership and answers to frequently asked questions. Those wishing to join or find out more about the club can also email the club coordinator, Michelle DeJulio, at boondocksb@

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Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT



Around Town
Bethel Inn hosted a Comedy Festival this weekend.

Seacoast United of New Hampshire is holding a soccer camp for boys at Gould Academy; last week girls' teams were here.

Sunday afternoon Donnie Katlin and Jewel Clark entertained residents and visitors at a Sunday afternoon in the park concert sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

The historic Stearns house, now known by Gould as the Cox house, sits on steel beams getting ready presumably for a new foundation.

The Oxford County Democrats have replaced Artistic Endeavors in the rental office building at the Hiram Twitchell House (171 Main Street). Is it now political endeavors?

Looking Back - When Hi Tech (and many poles) came to Bethel

Last week the plan to erect a cell phone pole was not approved by the Bethel Planning Board. One of the reasons was its image might violate the history village image the Bethel community wants to maintain. When

electric lights and telephones first came to Bethel all village streets would be lined with poles - not only visible but welcomed.

Telephones and poles

In June 1895, there were already 15 subscribers to the New England Telephone Co. and telephone company workmen were setting poles in the village. Alphonse Van Den Kerkhoven was hired to run the Bethel exchange and he eventually bought the Bethel exchange from NE Telephone. Al Van formed his own company, the Van Telephone and Telegraph Co. The Bethel switchboard at first was only tended during the day but, in 1912, it was moved across the street to a small office which is now a parking lot.

Telephone users rapidly spread. The business was not regulated and towns in Oxford County had no real regulatory function. The State was more concerned with houses having safely built chimneys in order to cut down on fires. Farmer

lines sprung up and were later merged into large networks. For many the local telephone was like Facebook today - keep up with your neighbor by listening in on the local line. In the 1940s I remember my grandmother ringing with her crank phone maybe two long rings and one

short one. If sometimes the central operator answered, my grandmother would say, "Ringing on the line operator."

Poles with many cross-bars and wires soon became an eyesore by today's standards. Ironically the image of phone lines and poles is part of Bethel history. It wasn't until the early 1980s when CONTEL had acquired the phone system that buried cable replaced all the phone poles and overhead wires. No one complained when the poles and wires came down. Only Woodstock made a major effort to put its historic phone service into visible history with its "Don't yank the crank" effort.

Today with so much of the public connected by cell phones and here with towers on the mountains, the question posed by the cell tower in the village application is - "Is there a real cause?"

Electric lights - needed poles too

What Bethel village really wanted and didn't have in 1895 was electric lights. Few people in Bethel today ever heard of the man who had come to town and built a light generating plant. His name was Nelson Springer who came to Bethel from Dixfield. The Springers left Bethel for California and their name

left with them unlike the Vans a well-known Bethel family name from the 1890s to the late 1960s.

The Springers came to West Bethel about 1900 when Nelson Springer bought the old Bean mill there and operated it under the name Merrill, Springer Company. In 1906, Nelson Springer built a new home in Bethel Village on Main Street; the Springer place is now known as the Holdiade House. In September 1906, Mr. Springer announced that he would also build a new spool and wood turning mill near the overhead railroad bridge in Bethel plus an electric generating plant at the same site which would give the village electric lights.

However, in the spring of 1908 the West Bethel mill burned. Nevertheless, work began on the Bethel village mill that summer. (After passing through different hands, in 1940 it became Hanover Dowel Co.)

The new spool mill was finished on Oct. 22, 1908. It had a fireproof, cement engine house for the 100-horsepower engine which drove the machinery.

The Nov. 26, 1908 Citizen reported that ten thousand dollars of preferred stock had been put on the market to finance construction of an electric plant at Springer's mill which would be be-

hind the spool mill.

On March 26, 1909 Bethel news reported that "As soon as the ground opens in the spring work will be begun in putting in the electric plant and it is hoped that before fall the system will be in operation. Power will be obtained from the Merrill, Springer Co. spool mill."

In the fall of 1909 Henry Austin, who would operate the new Bethel Light Company plant as engineer, moved to Bethel from Norway. He had worked for three years with the Oxford Light Co. He was at first employed by the Merrill Springer Co. as an engineer and then as an electrician.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, July 29

At 10:34 a.m. a caller on Route 2 in Hanover reported heavy smoke across the river toward the East Bethel Road. Deputy Andy Whitney was assigned.

At 6:57 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a harassment complaint on the North Road in Bethel.

Wednesday, July 30

At 8:56 a.m. Deputy Stephen Witham stopped a vehicle on the Intervale Road in Bethel for a speeding offense. The driver, Dakota J. Holmquist, was given a citation for operating after suspension.

At 9:17 a.m. Deputy Stephen Witham responded to a property-damage accident on Mayville Road in Bethel.

At 9:40 a.m. Deputy Stephen Witham responded to a property-damage crash at the intersection of Mechanic and High streets in Bethel.

At 11:30 a.m. subject in Bethel asked to speak to an officer regarding an ongoing situation with an employee. Deputy Stephen Witham was assigned.

At 1:03 p.m. a subject told deputies on Parkway in Bethel that he had lost his prescription and asked for a report for his doctor. He was told none would be given.

Thursday, July 31

At 10:26 a.m. a report was received of a burglary on July 29 on Willow Pond Road in Woodstock. Deputy Stephen Witham was assigned.

At 8:58 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a harassment incident on Main Street in Bethel.

Friday, Aug. 1

At 5:19 p.m. a caller asked to speak to an officer regarding someone continually calling and harassing him in Bethel. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Between July 29 and Aug. 3 the OCSD responded to seven false burglar alarms and three 911 hangup calls in Bethel.

DIRECTOR

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"I thought it was rushed," he said.

He said he felt the School Board should have been more involved in the planning and parents should have been brought into the process earlier.

Merlino said he had asked before the vote was taken to give temporary approval to the plan in order to allow a parent informational meeting to take place, but was told by camp officials that a final decision was needed then.

"The board is supposed to be doing the voting. The board is supposed to be doing the vetting. All we're hearing is exactly what Dr. [David] Mur-

phy is saying and nothing more. It seems the control is coming from the superintendent, and he's the employee of the board," he said.

Merlino said no one at the meeting asked to hear from the board's Education Committee, which had reviewed the plan.

Sandvoss said she did not feel the plan "had not been vetted" in the Education Committee. She said teachers had also been involved before it came to the board. As for the public's knowledge of the plan, she said, the district "couldn't really announce it without the board first voting to go forward with the process."

Sandvoss has been on the board for five years.

Steve Wight, who said he is co-chair of the 4-H Camp board (but came to the meeting for another issue), supported the plan. "It's pretty exciting to me that the ninth grade is going to be given a leg up in order to be a model for this whole thing," he told selectmen. "What happens when they go to 10th grade? They're not going to accept sitting in straight rows and doing things the old way because they've already learned a new and more exciting way to learn."

But Merlino said that scenario could create tension for teachers in the upper high school grades. He said he would request a re-vote at the School Board's Aug. 11 meeting so the program could be better planned to launch for next year's ninth grade.

(Note: Murphy said Wednesday the Education Committee voted to support the 2014 plan at its June 9 meeting.)

In other business at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, the board set the mil rate at 12.5, up from the 11.55 it has been for the past four years, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

Selectmen also voted to pay 40 percent of up to \$24,000 for a new compactor for the Transfer Station (which Greenwood shares with Woodstock) to prepare for a planned changeover Nov. 1 to single sort recycling.

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In 1921 the Nelson Springer family left Bethel for California. Henry Austin took over as both manager and treasurer of Bethel Light Company. In 1925 Central Maine Power Co. purchased the rights and properties of the Bethel Light Co., Mr. Austin remained with them as their manager in Bethel.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is the 15th annual National Farmers' Market Week (Aug. 3 through 9). Bethel is fortunate to have two thriving farmers' markets. The Bethel Farmers' Market sets up on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Parkway near Norway Savings Bank. Farmers at the Market is Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. at Café DiCocoa at 125 Main Street in Bethel. This week at the markets I found seasonal produce that included corn, beans, zucchini, beets, carrots, cucumbers, garlic, chard, raspberries and blueberries. All of it was picked that morning. Our farmers' markets also sell baked goods, preserves, eggs, herbs and flowers. In addition to local markets, our area abounds with farm stands. Swains on Route 2 (the West Bethel Road) opened this past week.

Aug. 9 is Book Lovers Day. These days there are many ways to read a book. There are printed books (regular type, large



AMERICORPS AT 4-H CAMP-A nine-person National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC team), an AmeriCorps program, is stationed at the University of Maine 4H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond for over 5 weeks this summer. The focus of their work is facilities based, performing such tasks as painting and staining, light construction, trail work and other projects. During their first few weeks, they have built benches, cleared brush, split wood, and performed trail work along one of the main trails in camp. This diverse group will also enhance and support various camp programs. The team is incorporated into the camp community in chores, activities, and lesson delivery, and will provide additional programming support as needed. The Raven 2 team is based out of Perry Point, Md., and consists of members from around the country. In addition to working at Bryant Pond, members of the team will also hold several outreach events and participate in service projects within the community, with the goal of getting more youth involved with service and volunteering within the community.

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type, graphic novel), audio books (cassettes, CDs, and downloads), and e-books. The Maine State Library is helping readers learn about electronic reading devices with a traveling "Technology Petting Zoo," which is designed to provide hands-on familiarization and training with e-readers and tablets. The Norway Memorial Library will host the "Technology Petting Zoo" from Aug. 14 to 22. Anyone can come to the library and try out the electronic devices provided. On Thursday, Aug. 14, at 12:30 p.m., Jared Ledbetter, technology consultant at the Maine State Library, will provide an overview of the devices in the Petting Zoo. If you're thinking of getting an e-reader and don't know anything about them, this is the place to go. You can try out the Nook SimpleTouch, Kindle Fire, Kindle PaperWhite, Apple iPad Mini, Nook HD+, and Google Nexus. The library is at 258 Main Street in Norway. You can call 743-5309 for more information.

This is the week that sky-watchers wait for all year: the annual Perseid meteor showers will peak Aug. 10 to 13. The Perseids can produce as many as 60 visible meteors per hour as the Earth passes through the debris field of the comet Swift-Tuttle. The Perseids are usually flashier than other meteor showers because of the high number of visible meteors and fireballs. However, this year the Perseids coincide with a full moon on Aug. 10. And it's not just any full moon it's a perigee full moon, or supermoon. This is when the Earth and moon are at their closest point. The moon's brightness may wash out any visible meteors on the peak nights. The best advice I have heard for meteor viewing is: watch for meteors on the nights before and after the full moon. Also, turn your back to the moon and look into the darkest part of the sky.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT

Hello neighbors, I pray this week has found you well and continuing to enjoy our beautiful summer days. As I write this I am overjoyed that I've been able to spend the day with one of my most treasured girlfriends; I am blessed to have so many. We've been preparing for our annual motorcycle trip where we get to play for a few days with more favorite people!

A few years ago when I was new to the motorcycle group, the leader made a comment about us all being her peeps. We decided on using that as an acronym that night; People Entering Every Part of my Soul. And when we're all together, that's exactly what it's like.

There are, on average, seven of us that gather and each with our own personality. Each of us brings so many different strengths to the group, including faith, love, laughter, organization, cooking skill and so much more.

In a way we have our own little world for a few days and we all have to figure out how to work together.

er to enjoy our time and not allow any negativity to come into the fold. And, I'm happy to share that we do succeed.

Over this next week, take a look around at the people you share your world with. Have you told them how precious they are to you? Have you shared their love with others? As my friend, Macky Chapman, stated, "When's the last time you introduced a friend as one of your favorite people?"

Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting on Aug. 8 at the hall. There will be a 6 p.m. pot luck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Blessings to you this week.

If you would like to share any family news or stories, please feel free to contact me at bridlelabs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

I'll start off by stepping right up onto my soap box. Last Saturday night there were continual and very loud fireworks around here. It was hard to tell whether they were fired off in

Greenwood or in Woodstock. Here in Greenwood we have a fireworks ordinance; consumer fireworks are allowed in Greenwood on July 3, 4, and 5, Labor Day weekend, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. That's it. Woodstock, on the other hand, has a weak ordinance. This creates a problem on North Pond which is in both towns. Fireworks across the town line on North Pond are a pain in the neck to the many residents who live around that pond. I wish Woodstock would enact an ordinance similar to ours.

There are probably folks out there who would complain about such a regulation. Sorry, but it is very difficult to justify letting a tiny number of people create noise, panic, pollution, and a fire hazard that the vast majority are forced to endure.

Now the next part of the fireworks issue. I talked to Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis, Jr., and he said most of the noise/fireworks problems this summer have been with people renting camps in this area. He said the renters know the State allows fireworks but do not understand that individual towns may prohibit them. He also said he thought last Saturday's very loud fireworks were from people renting a camp on Davista Lane behind the dump. If you own a camp and rent it out, please let those renters know fireworks are not allowed in Greenwood except for a few specific dates. It could be posted inside your rental property.

Also, and maybe most important, Chief Curtis said to call 911 about such problems. He suggested reporting it as a "noise problem" not as a fireworks problem. He said law enforcement officials may be more apt to respond to a noise complaint.

OK. Soap box time is over - for the moment.

Resurfacing of the Greenwood Road is expected to begin in a "couple weeks" according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

There is now more parking near the Town Office. The Legion's storage shed was recently moved

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to allow for the increased parking. By the way, probably best NOT to ask the crew who moved the shed how it went. The cement pad cracked and made for quite the hassle.

Our new rescue equipment truck is here. Firefighters Chief Curtis, his son Al, Dave Goodwin, and Maria LeTourneau did a one-day marathon run to Queensbury, N.Y. (near Albany), to pick up the new vehicle. Thanks, folks!

Firefighters' Friday Fish Fry is this week, Aug. 8, 3 to 7 p.m., at the Howe Hill Road station.

My apologies to the Greenwood Historical Society that asked me to put their now-past monthly meeting, Aug. 6, in my column. I would have done so had I written a column last week. Sometimes I shirk all semblance of responsibility and go play. That's why there was no column a week ago.

Many of the small towns in this area have regions whose names are known only to a few folks. Greenwood seems to take the cake for this phenomenon. Greenwood has a population of 830, is 9.5 miles long and 4.5 miles wide, and has an average density of about 19 people per square mile. Not many folks, yet we have 12 individual regions. Drum roll, please: Irish Neighborhood, Locke's Mills, Greenwood City, Willis Mills, Patch Mountain, Richardson Hollow, Rowe Hill, Howe Hill and Gorman Hill districts, the Tubbs district, Bryant Neighborhood and Shadagee. The only ones on current maps are Locke's, the City, and Willis Mills. If you know of others, please let me know.

Goldenrod and tansy are in bloom, and the first blackberries are begin-



ROADBLOCK-While apparently trying to turn around, this tractor trailer got stuck in the ditch across from the driveway of the Bear River Grange Hall in Newry. Traffic went around the vehicle by using the U-shaped driveway at the Grange.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH

What can one say after Olde Home Day weekend in Andover? It was wonder-

ful. I had two high school classmates and a friend of theirs visiting from New Jersey. They enjoyed the photography show and car show in particular. Many people gathered on the common on Friday evening for the band concert and at parade time on Saturday both sides of Main Street were lined with people sitting comfortably in their lawn chairs. And we're all recovering since most of us are busy running activities for your pleasure.

I received the second place award for my garden in the Violet Swain category, a second in two categories in the flower show.

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Brandon McLean, grandson of Wayne and Linda Taylor, will be having a birthday on Aug. 18.

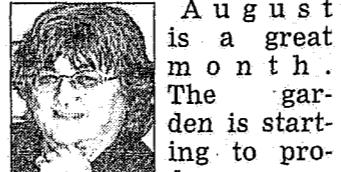
Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthdays in August!

Peter and Claudia Risbara of Portland have been getting some work done on their Gilead house (Gillander). John Corriveau is doing the work for them and is replacing the shingles on the roof.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



August is a great month.

The garden is start-

ing to pro-

duce some

cucumbers to make the old fashioned sour pickles.

The tomato plants are growing up as tall as the wire cages. Hugh and I get to celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary. There are a couple of birthdays also.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me that the crew has been very busy at the SAD 44 Maintenance Garage. They are

checking over all the school buses and making sure that they are safe and ready to trans-

port the children in

when they return to

school this fall.

Nathan McLain, son

of Stephen and Peachy

McLain, and grandson of Steve and Lise McLain, is celebrating a birthday on Aug. 12.

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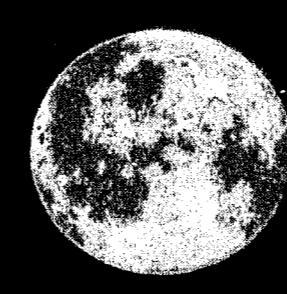
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Quilting Bee, Richard and Ronnie Pelletier, 5th Larry Costa's Military vehicles; 6th ATV I Break for Turtles, Allen and Jane Andrews; Women's Skillet Toss: first place in the following categories: ages 13-18 Cassidy Mosher Temple, 19-29 none, 30-45 Seneca Corriveau of Newry, 46-64 Rhonda Jodrey of Andover, 65 plus Diane Sample of Casco; Men's Hammer Toss: 13-18 Chris Acampra of Gilford, Conn., 19-29 none, 30-45 Bill Smith of Braintree, Mass., 46-64 Scott Babb of Peru, 65 plus Jim Sample of Casco; Pie Eating Contest: 4-7 Morgan Mosher Temple, 8-11 Ceanna Robinson of Andover, 12-15 Phil Mills of Rumford, 16-adult Robin Mosher Temple; Raffles: Quilt Roger Whitehouse, Amtrak Tickets David Holtzman, Super 50-50 \$435 Sandy Surette, ASC 50-50 \$288 Bonnie Harber.

The Andover Service Circle has asked me to particularly thank Mills' Market and Andover General for selling chances on the super 50-50 and the regular 50-50.

The Food Pantry is planning a fund raiser for Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. called "Sing Your Face Off." Those willing to humiliate themselves for a good cause will be asked to dress up in the character of their favorite performer and sing one of their songs. This should be great fun and an enjoyable evening for all. If you're willing to participate, call Linda Couture at 364-7968. Minnie Pearl is already lined up as one of the acts.

Several persons gathered at the Andover Food Pantry on Monday morning to help with the unloading of the Good Shepherd Food Bank truck.

The People in Action

Committee has announced the next free lunch will be on Aug. 19 at noon and the menu is ham and scalloped potatoes other fixings and desserts of course. So come along and enjoy a great lunch and fellowship with your neighbors and remember it's FREE.

Congratulations to Larissa Cayer and Jason Wing who were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 2 by me at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Larissa is the daughter of Chip Cayer and granddaughter of Gloria and the late Ducky Cayer, longtime residents of Andover.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



It was great

getting home,

and we are

still trying to

catch up with

the stuff we

missed while

in France. The first thing I did was to pick up Shiloh from Katrina's apartment. As soon as I got him home, he took off into the surrounding woods like a shot and just dashed around checking to see if everything was as he left it, nose to the ground the whole time. After two or three minutes, he came dashing into the house, again checking to see if everything was OK. Then he settled down.

I spent part of every day working some in the garden, mowing grass and delivering firewood for the next week, and I am only now beginning to catch up. Mona has been a really busy "trooper" since we got home - doing laundry, freezing peas from the garden, preparing fresh beans and sugar snap peas and raspberry pie for meals

Pastor John Williams had announced that this was to be "Children's Sunday" at West Bethel Union. Therefore, he had asked the Sunday School youth group to lead the Sunday worship service. Each of the children/youth in attendance led a part of the service.

Megan Cox and Emily Hanscom read the "Welcome" and "Announcements." "Special Music" was to be played by Wyatt Theilbar, but he forgot his saxophone, so Emily filled in with a piece on her trumpet.

Kristi Hanscom led the "Greeting" responsive reading.

Sophie Hanscom led the "Gathering Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Then each of the children stood up and told the congregation about their most memorable "Memory." Both Kristi and Emily Hanscom each then read a letter in which they laid out all the special things they remembered about pastor John Williams over the past several years. This was an especially emotional presentation, both for the

girls, John and the congregation as well because John will be retiring from our Church around the first of September.

Sophie followed with a special musical presentation on flute.

Then Emily read scripture from the Bible (Mark 10:13-16) and followed with another special musical presentation on her trumpet.

All the children pres-

ent brought out a special banner which they have been working on for several months entitled, "We are the World." This banner is about 2 feet by 7 or 8 feet and contains an embroidered rendering of the world surrounded by the hand prints of all the children who have attended Sunday School in the past year. The banner will be proudly hung on the wall of the sanctu-

ary for the next millennium.

Following this presentation, Pastor Williams conducted the remainder of the church service. This included another special ceremony, the "Sacrament of Baptism" where Pastor John welcomed the Thielbar family to the front of the sanctuary, where he baptized both Jillian and Wyatt Thielbar into our church.

and generally acting half Monique while he was in France during WWII. Of course, Monique was grandmother to Mona's granddaughters Monica and Carrie. Mona had to buy souvenirs from Rouen for the girls. From there we traveled to our hotel Mercure, overlooking the ocean off Omaha Beach, of D-Day fame.

Today (Aug. 4) I have just taken time to review my cryptic notes scribbled in a pocket size spiral notepad while in France. We arrived at Charles De Gaul Airport, Paris at 8:15 Saturday morning July 19, after a 6+ hour "red eye" special from Boston. It took until

12:30 p.m. to clear customs meet our tour representative and take the bus to the Pullman Hotel, Paris, about a city block from a quaint street full of sidewalk bars, cafés, restaurants and sundry hole-in-the-wall shops. This was also where our tour director, Laura took us to a nice restaurant for the evening meal.

Sunday, July 20, our bus took us to an apple farm where the farmer raised special fast growing apple trees which produce medium size apples used especially for apple juice and an apple brandy called calvados, which is quite potent. Oddly, they allow the apples to fall on the ground where they mechanically pick them up for processing into juice and brandy.

From there we traveled to the town of Rouen which is the burial site of Joan of Arc in front of beautiful ocean wave shaped church. Joan was famous for leading the French army in battles against the English and was burned at the stake by the English for the crime of heresy. Rouen was also on Mona's places to see list because that is where Harold "Hank" Rolf met his wife

flood was in 1938. It was called Andover Dam simply because it was on the road to Andover.

The selectmen will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

I recently heard and liked the following quote: "You can lead a man to knowledge but you cannot make him think."

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

"Upton Fun Day" will be here soon. The local clubs and associations are trying to finish all their last minute details and duties in preparation for the day.

Please call Deborah Judkins, 533-2331, if you are willing to help clean the school. Participants are needed in the parade; call Lou at 461-4548 for more information. The Letter B Notch Riders would like some help preparing for their Chinese Auction. Contact me if you can spare some time Friday evening (Aug. 15) or early Saturday morning (Aug. 16) to assist with the set up.

A month or two ago I asked if anyone knew why there was a dam where the bridge is and that the dam was also the bridge. It all washed out during a flood. The person who told me about this thought that Mr. Angevine said the

Hike. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Whitecap trailhead off the East Andover Road. Hikers should bring water, hiking/rain gear and a mountain gourmet dish to share. RSVP requested. 824-3806. This should be a really fun time. Perhaps someday I will be able to hike again.

To that end, to correct all rumors that are flying, Aug. 22, I go in for complete knee replacement surgery. I expect to be out of commission for three to four weeks. After that all bets are off. It is something I should have done four years ago when I had the knee clean up that was useless. I look forward to not needing a cane after I heal. Will be laid up for a while and then... off and running. Look forward to being able to hike again and maybe even dancing!

See everyone until then as I limp along as usual.

Saturday, Aug. 9, there will be a safety inspection of Child Safety Seats by Norway Fire Dept. Certified technicians will be available. Bring the child if you can, but not required. Call Carol Welsh 743-1562 ext. 6951.

Sunday, Aug. 10, Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club will have a potluck at 1 p.m. at the Home of Chris and Paula Easton 763 Mill Hill in Waterford. Bring your favorite dish with your favorite food in it, a lawn chair and your bee veil. Weather permitting there will be an open hive. FMI: Kevin (faroutroadrunner.com).

Computer is complaining again, so I guess it is time to end. Hopefully it will get printed this week. Have a great week and stay out of thunder showers.

West Bethel Union Church news



From left: Lydia Grover, Amy Hanscom, Megan Cox, Kristi Hanscom, Sophie Hanscom, John Williams, Jillian Thielbar, Wyatt Thielbar, Emily Hanscom.

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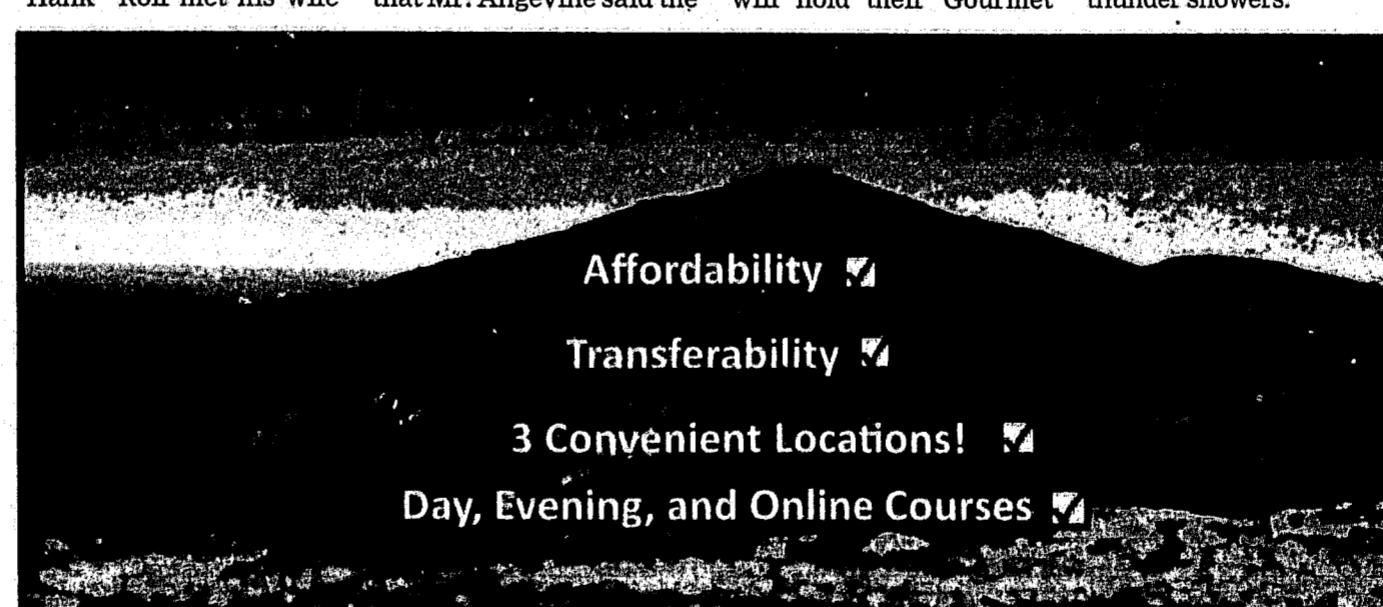
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Clockwise, from top left: a boy rides the barrel train in the parade; runners in the 4.5-mile race; competitors in the pie-eating contest; a flower arrangement at the Andover Historical Society; the car show; horses stand at attention during a pause in the parade; the Mills Family float. For results of some of the competitions, see Andover town column.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stitched Together in Time and Place: Valentine Family Quilts; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. through Aug. 30, Mason House, Bethel Historical Society. This colorful display features a variety of quilts that were once owned or made by members of the Valentine family of Bethel. During the exhibit run, selected portions of the documentary film "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics" will be shown. Free admission, donations welcome.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 28 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Outdoor Market; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Road, Greenwood. Antique and yard sale finds, handmade crafts, plants, produce or whatever you have to bring to the table. Visitors and vendors welcome. No fee for vendors, but donations accepted to support a local nonprofit organization. FMI: 875-2089.

Concerts on Andover Common; 6 to 8 p.m. every other Friday through Sept. 5. Free concerts featuring local musicians. FMI: Pete Coolidge at Pete's Hardware (392-1028, closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

BFHC Food Drive; Aug. 11 to 22. The Bethel Family Health Center will accept cash and nonperishable food donations from members of the community to be delivered to the Bethel Food Pantry. There is a great need for high protein items such as peanut butter, canned meat and tuna and canned beans. Donations can be dropped off in the Health Center's waiting room. FMI: 824-2193 or bethelchc.org.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Wellness Collaborative Gathering; 4 to 6 p.m., CEBE, 443 Main Street, Norway. A gathering to discuss health and wellness improvement in Oxford County. FMI: Brendan Schauffler (739-6222 or Brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org).

Public Supper; Albany Church, Hunts Corner Road, Albany. Doors open at 5 p.m., supper at 5:30. \$7 per person, \$4 ages 12 and under.

Andover Public Hearing; 7 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Public hearing on the withdrawal agreement between SAD 44 and the Town of Andover Withdrawal Committee.

Friday, Aug. 8

Alder River Grange Meeting; Alder River Grange Hall. There will be a 6 p.m. potluck supper followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

1954 Bannister Race Talk; 8 p.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg. Rev. Dr. George F. Dole will talk about his experience in the 1954 Bannister Race.

Saturday, Aug. 9

3-Mile Fun Run; 8 a.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg. Fun Run to celebrate Rev. Dole. Runners and walkers are encouraged to attend. Proceeds benefit the Fryeburg New Church Assembly, the Church of the New Jerusalem and the Mountain Division Rail Trail. FMI: www.dole3miler.com, d3race@gmail.com or (508) 649-5982.

MILT Gourmet Hike; 9:30 a.m., Whitecap trailhead off the East Andover Road. Hikers are asked to bring water, hiking/rain gear and a mountain-gourmet dish of choice to share with other hikers. RSVP requested. FMI/RSPV: Call 824-3806 or e-mail mlt@mahoosuc.org.

Child Safety Seat Inspection; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Norway Fire Dept. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free, hands-on seat inspections. Bringing the child is advised, but not required. FMI: Carol Welsh (743-1562 ext. 6951).

Telstar Class of 1969 45th Reunion; 5 p.m., Sandy Wheeler's home, 137 Flat Road, West Bethel. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. BYOB. Bring a salad, dessert or chips to share. Don't forget your lawn chair. FMI: 836-2084.

The Soiree with Amanda Huotari; 8 p.m., Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris. Tickets: \$14/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/students and kids. FMI: 743-8452 or www.celebrationbarn.com.

Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31

Free Concerts; 4 p.m., the Bethel Common. Rain or shine. FMI: mahoosucarts.org or 824-3575.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Mundt-Allen Post 81 Annual Picnic; 12 p.m., 81 Vernon Street. Please call to request chicken or steak by Sunday, Aug. 3. FMI/Menu request: Bob Everett (836-2038) or Bob McCartney (836-3575).

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Connie St. Pierre in Concert; 4 p.m. at the Bandstand on the Bethel Common, rain or shine. Connie will perform on at least two instruments that may never have been seen live in this region. Aside from a 12-string guitar, loop pedal and electric thumb piano, Connie will be breaking new musical ground on Theremin and shakuhachi. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org.

Squid Jiggers in Concert; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Bell Meetinghouse, 191 Bell Hill Road, Otisfield. Duo Dave Rowe and Troy R. Bennett perform traditional and original songs of the sea, Maine life, Acadia and fold tunes. Concert is free of charge, but donations are welcome. Refreshments by Hungry Hollow Bakery will be available for purchase at intermission. Squid Jiggers CDs will be available for purchase following the performance. FMI: Polly Bartow (539-4502).

Monday, Aug. 11

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Mahoosuc Community Band Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. An end of summer concert celebrating the band's 20th year. Refreshments to be served. Donations accepted.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Supper Dance; 5 to 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 4), American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Music by the Shadaggee Ramblers. Menu: Casseroles, salads, veggies, breads and pies. Supper only \$7, Dance and supper \$10, Children/\$3.

Public Supper; 5 to 6:30, North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's Eatery. Homemade baked beans, casseroles, salads and homemade pies. All you can eat for \$8 (\$4 for children under 12). All are welcome.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Telstar Sports Registration; 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar Library. Telstar Middle and High School parents are required to register their student athlete for fall sports. Those unable to attend may contact Gail Wight, Athletic Director, at wight@sad44.org or Chris Cole, District Nurse, at colec@sad44.org. Students will not be able to begin practice until the required forms are completed. All athletes must have proof of a physical exam completed in the past two years.

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Picnic; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Camping Area, Hanover. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be furnished. Members will bring either a salad or dessert to share. Reservations must be made before Aug. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Wellness Collaborative Gathering; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., UU Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. A gathering to discuss health and wellness improvement in Oxford County. FMI: Brendan Schauffler (739-6222 or Brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org).

Aug. 14 through 17 and 21 through 24

"See How They Run" OHMPAA presentation; 7 p.m. with matinees showings at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 and 24, Norway Grange Theater, Whitman Street, Norway. A typical English farce, replete with mistaken identities, slamming doors, pithy lines and all around confusion. Opening night tickets: \$5, all other performances \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and those under 18. Advance tickets are available at Books 'n' Things, Main Street, Norway. Unsold tickets will be available at the door.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Wellness Collaborative Gathering; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., UMaine Cooperative Extension, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. A gathering to discuss health and wellness improvement in Oxford County. FMI: Brendan Schauffler (739-6222 or Brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org).

Friday, Aug. 15

"Life Beyond Cynicism" with Debi Irons; 7 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Performing will be dancers from Art Moves, Casco Bay Movers, Collective Motion, Fusion Dance, G-Tric, Indiedanceworks, along with singer Tim Rice. FMI: artmovesdance.com or 743-5569.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Upton Fun Day; 7 a.m. breakfast, Ladies Aid building, 9:30 a.m. parade line-up at Pat Kenyon's (142 Thistle Street). 10 a.m. Parade from 142 Thistle Street, merchandise, food vendors and children's carnival open. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. DVD show of logging in the past and Upton Historical Society display at Upton School House. 1 to 3 p.m. Chinese Auction viewing, Upton House Barn (260 Thistle Street). 2 p.m. cake and ice cream, Ladies Aid building and drawing for quilt raffle. 3 p.m. Chinese Auction (must be present to win). 5 p.m. Upton Union Church service with Rev. Jane C. Rich.

Arts and Artisans Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Suncook School gym, Route 5, Lovell. Dozens of juried craftspeople in many media will donate a percentage of their sales to benefit the Charlotte Hobbs Library. This event also includes a large book sale, homemade refreshments and a raffle of artwork donated by 10 of the participating art-

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Wildlife Chainsaw Carving; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Join four professional chainsaw carver/artists to watch and photograph the creative and impressive process of chainsaw carving wildlife images.

St. Jude's Charity Ride; Ellis River Rider's show grounds, Andover. FMI: Tim Tobin (trails@ellisriverriders.com).

Monday, Aug. 18

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Flea Market and Bake Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's Eatery. Come and find a treasure or two, or if you have something to sell, rent a table for \$10. FMI: 583-2822.

Music without Borders Encore Recital; 7 p.m., Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy. Performances by Tamara Poddubnaya and Robert Poortinga.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Cruise Night; 5:30 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. Live music by Carl Vee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Blue Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Anita Altmaier (491-5805).

Sunday, Aug. 24

Memorial Hymn Sing; 6:30 p.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Refreshments following.

Monday, Aug. 25

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Pleasure/Equititation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Showmanship, in-hand, trail, and equitation classes. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Car Show; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harlow Park at Dirigo High School, 141 Weld Street, Dixfield. Registration: \$5/car, driver and one passenger. Public admission: \$8

Bethel Inn to offer 15-inch golf cups

Golfers hoping course owners will enlarge hole cups to improve their scores will get their wish this month at The Bethel Inn Resort.

Preparing for the debut of 15-inch golf hole cups at The Bethel Inn Resort, a golfer attempts a long, downhill putt on the resort's three-level ninth green. On Sunday, Aug. 17, and Monday, Aug. 18, the resort will convert nine of its 18 holes to the larger cups and offer a special scramble, regular play and special contests.

Late Thursday afternoon, the resort announced that it will conduct a two-day experiment, replacing its traditional 4½-inch diameter golf hole cups with 15-inch cups on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 17 and 18. Director of Sales & Marketing Brad Jerome said in a news release.

"The two days will include special events, contests, prizes and discounted green fees for golfers who want to sample this widely discussed new dimension to the game," Jerome said.

The bold idea of using cups nearly four times the traditional size is being promoted by TaylorMade-AdidasGolf and was launched at a tournament immediately following the Masters, which included Sergio Garcia and Justin Rose in Georgia, Jerome said.

Some 100 clubs around the country are joining in with special events and tournaments.

With its 6,700-yard, Geoffrey Cornish-designed layout, The Bethel Inn Resort will be the first major facility in the Northeast to offer this opportunity to the golf-



In preparation for the debut of 15 inch cups at The Bethel Inn Resort, a golfer attempts a long, downhill putt on the resort's three level ninth green.

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ing public, he said.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, there will be a 3 p.m. four-person, nine-hole scramble with holes refitted with the 15-inch cups. Participants may sign up as a four-person team or as individuals who will be assigned teams by the Pro Shop.

BFHC Food Drive, Aug. 11-22

Bethel Family Health Center will hold a food drive in celebration of National Community Health Center Week starting on Monday, Aug. 11. The health center will accept cash and nonperishable food donations from members of the community from Monday, Aug. 11

through Friday, Aug. 22. All food donations will be brought to the Bethel Food Pantry.

The local food pantry has a great need for high protein items such as peanut butter, canned meat and tuna and canned beans. Cash donations are also welcome because of the

great return on every dollar the pantry receives from Good Shepherd Food Bank. Donations are to be dropped off in the health center's waiting room.

Additionally, a Summer Safety table will be available in the waiting area with information focusing on tick and Lyme disease

greens will feature the 15-inch holes, as well as the standard-size holes, so players have an option.

The resort urges golfers to call early for tee times since there has been a strong interest among golfers of all levels to see how much the larger cups will lower their scores, Jerome said. Estimates range from five to eight shots per nine-hole round.

Jerome said the resort's head professional, Mark Mallory, is looking forward to hosting this special event.

"In addition to reducing our green fees, we will be offering \$2,000 in resort spending money as prizes for holes-in-one and for the special chipping and putting contests," Mallory said. "We are anxious to see the reactions of high- and low-handicap golfers to this unique experiment."

The resort's managing partner, Allen Connors, emphasized that there are no plans to convert to the larger hole size on a permanent basis.

"We see the larger holes as a way of increasing interest in the game, with special events like those planned for Aug. 17 and 18," Connors said. "We also envision some of our golf groups wanting to experiment with them, especially groups with higher handicaps and infrequent golfers."

For more information and tee times, call The Bethel Inn Resort Golf Shop at (207) 824-2175, ext. 402 or (207) 824-6276, or email golfshop@bethelin.com.

County-wide group pushing for community-led changes to health and wellness

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative came into being in 2011 in response to publication of the 2010 County Health Rankings, which showed Oxford County as 16th out of 16 counties in Maine in overall health. Comprised of over 100 partners from across our county, the vision of the OCWC is that "Oxford County is the healthiest county in Maine and one of the most desirable in which to live, work, and raise children."

The OCWC currently meets regularly, and welcomes input as well as new partners as it works to become the central hub of activity that supports the transformation of Health and Wellness in Oxford County. (Contact person: Brendan Schauffler, Healthy Oxford Hills, 739-6222).

There are five subgroups that have been started under the Collaborative and people are welcome to join one or more of interest: Healthy Eating, Active Living, Community Safety, Behavioral Health (which includes substance abuse and mental health care and concerns), and Community Engagement.

The current priority of the Community Engagement work group is the Healthy Community Gatherings process that has been started with grant funds received from MeHAF (Maine Health Access Foundation), plus supporting funding from the Bingham Program and the Betterment Fund.

The goal of the Healthy Community Gatherings is to create a healthier county. This will be done by changing the way community change happens by including everyone in making decisions, from the ground up, in community to have a lasting positive effect on all.

In order to do this the Wellness Collaborative is inviting people and organizations who are not typically involved in decision making to Healthy Community Gatherings to share what's important to them regarding health and wellness. The Gatherings center on relationship and trust building with a long-term focus, and by this fall will result in one or two specific goals chosen by participants for action. The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative has funding to help the community address the chosen goals. Each gathering will provide on-site childcare and hearty snacks. Help with transportation is available.

The Wellness Collaborative invites you to attend one of the gatherings happening soon in the South Paris/Norway area:

Aug. 7, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Center for an Ecology Based Economy, 443 Main Street, Norway

Aug. 13, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the UU Church, 479 Main Street, Norway

Aug. 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the UMaine Cooperative Extension, 9 Olson Rd, South Paris

Additional gatherings will be scheduled at locations throughout Oxford County over the coming months.

The Collaborative believes that together we have the power to strengthen the way people relate to each other and work side-by-side on common challenges that affect our lives.

Sound interesting? Want more information? Ready to get involved? Please contact

Brendan Schauffler, Facilitator for the Collaborative at 739-6222 or brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org.

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"Before I _____ to your daughter I thought I'd check her out to see how she looks in the morning."

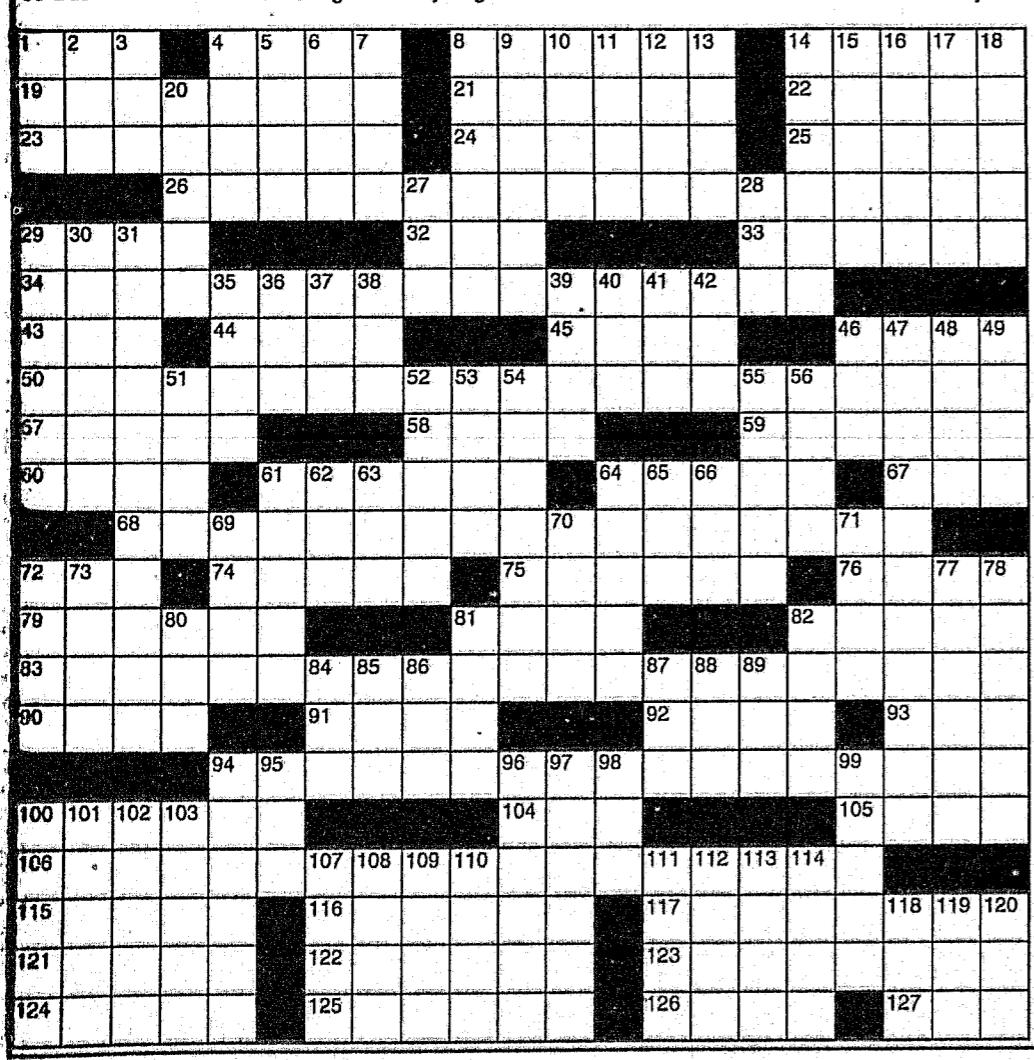
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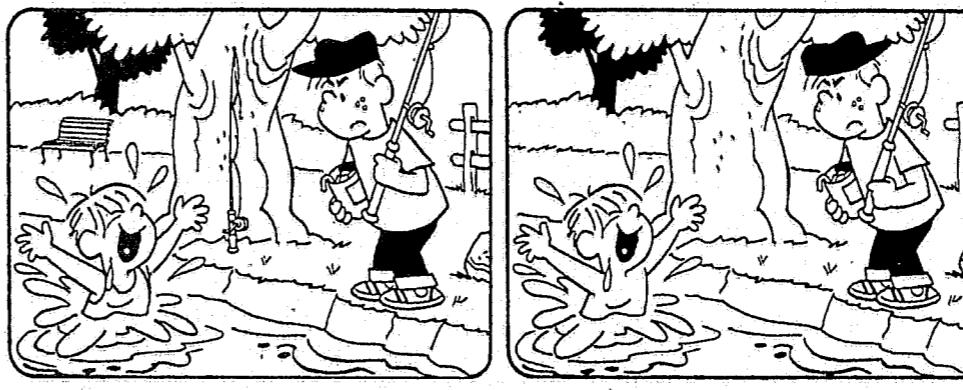
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8 Ice hockey footwear	68 Uno plus uno	124 Geek Squad guys, say	28 First-aid expert, briefly	55 Mad as — hen	96 Satisfy
14 "L—l" (toast in Hebrew)	69 Riddle, part 4	125 One flinging something	29 Overhead bin user, e.g.	56 Mad as — hen	97 Michael formerly of Disney
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22 Giant in life insurance	75 Fighting fish	76 They're in some pods	35 Gambling parlors, for short	63 9mm gun	100 Fat-shunning Jack
23 Believability	77 They're in some pods	77 Fritata, e.g.	36 Celibate brother	64 One — (short show)	101 Lunar stage
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44 Factual	93 "First Blood"	98 Like clear night skies	48 Enthusiastic about	75 Methinks," online	110 Dec. holiday
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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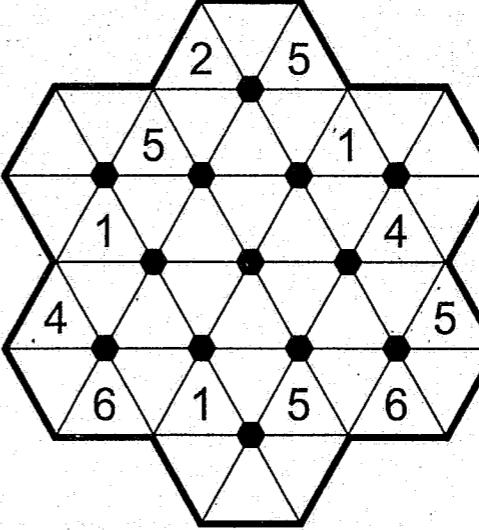
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by Japheth Light

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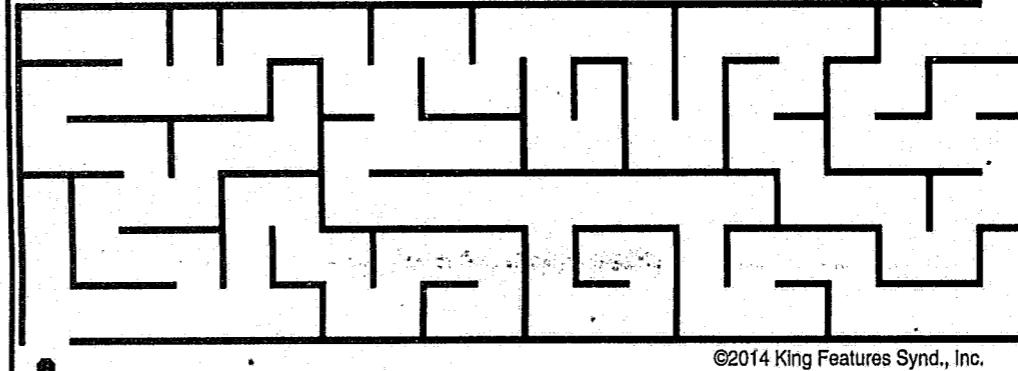


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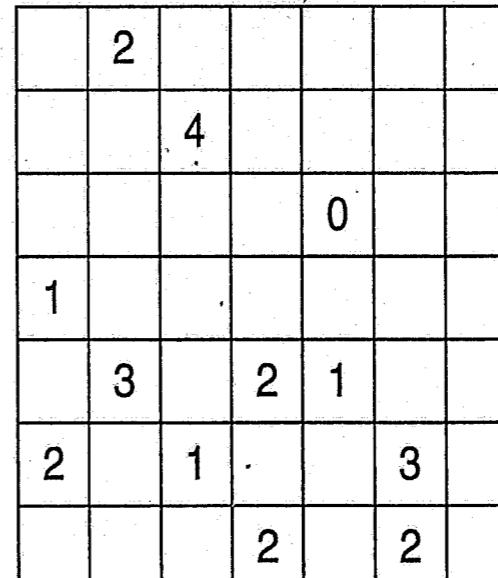


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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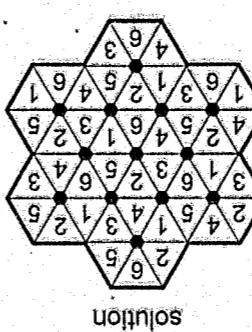
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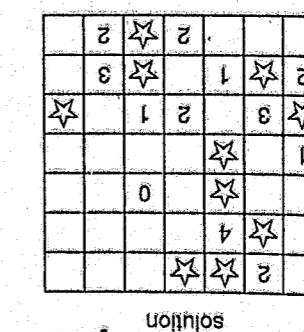
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When do ducks get up in the morning?



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New board of Community Lakes Assn. meets for planning session

At its Annual Meeting in July, The Community Lakes Association elected new board members. The new board met for the first time last Tuesday with members of the Association who are responsible for major tasks, including Communications, Membership and Invasive Milfoil Removal. The meeting was held at the Lake Christopher home of incoming president, Colin Campbell and Treasurer, Susan Pundt.

Secretary Lois Ruff reported that a June mailing to property owners on all the ponds in Greenwood and Woodstock was successful. The membership doubled to more than 100 households. Besides the \$25 membership fee, many respondents made significant contributions to the Association, some specifically for the Invasive Milfoil Eradication Project, some as memorials and others to help pay for the association's efforts to monitor and maintain water quality, and protect wildlife. The Association is extremely grateful for support from current members, but welcomes (and needs) support from all who enjoy our shore lands.

The Association is in the process of confirming, or appointing representatives for each pond as well as

water quality monitors who regularly test water in the ponds, and persons responsible for the annual Audubon Loon Count.

Future activities will include continuation of the extensive effort to remove or reduce the presence of Invasive Milfoil from Lake Christopher and Shagg Pond and monitor all other ponds; education efforts concerning ordinances affecting prohibition of jet skis, headway speed areas, fireworks and loon protection, erosion and other water quality issues. The Association will seek 501C status to allow tax deduction for contributions. Also the association hopes to reach out to similar organizations throughout the state and participate in the LakeSmart program.

The Community Lakes Association area includes all the lakes and ponds in Greenwood and Woodstock: Concord, Shagg, North, Round, South, Twitchell, Indian, Overset, Mud, Hicks and Lake Christopher. For more information visit our website www.communitylakesassociation.org or pick up a brochure at either Woodstock or Greenwood Town Hall.



The Community Lakes Association's newly elected board and committee members met last week at the Lake Christopher home of president Colin Campbell and Susan Pundt, Treasurer. Front: Henry Stewart, Membership; Colin Campbell, President; Ed Leonard, Communications; Sue Staples, Membership; Susan Pundt, Treasurer; Back: Nancy Willard, Outgoing President; Glen Langley, Vice President; Lois Ruff, Secretary; Walt Staples, Membership; Jim Chandler, Director of Invasive Milfoil Removal Project; Not shown: Bob Switzer, Webmaster; and Pat Stewart, Communications.

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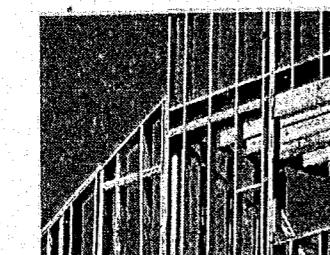
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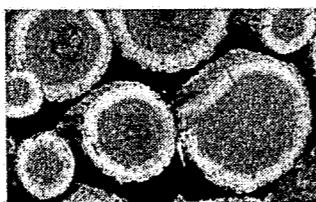
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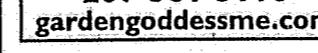
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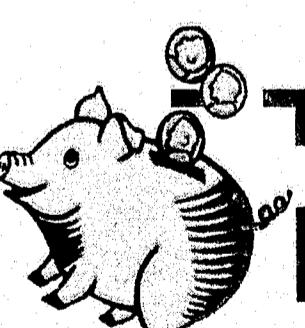
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DR. WILLARD H.
BOYNTON

Dr. Willard Harold Boynton "Doc" died Aug. 3, 2014 on Monhegan Island, surrounded by three generations of his family along with his caregiver, Doc was born on April 9, 1914 to parents Willard Rollins Boynton and Fronie (Fletcher) Boynton in Groveland, Mass.

Doc graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a B.A., Yale University with a Masters of Public Health and Tufts University with a medical degree. He practiced family medicine in Bethel and was the school physician for Gould Academy from 1944 to 1956. He then joined the State Department, US-AID branch, for a long career in overseas Public Health projects. While with USAID he worked on several continents and in many countries throughout the world.

His first post was in Vietnam for seven years. Among his accomplishments was the building of a medical school in Saigon and work eradicating malaria throughout the country. His career in later years was in population control for which he received a distinguished award from the U.S. Congress.

Doc was predeceased by his wife Ruth of 64 Years

**The family of
Buster Gaudreau**

wish to thank all those that attended his memorial service, sent cards and attended the gathering. Thank you Norm Rust for the beautiful service. Thanks to the anonymous person who paid for the tent rental and the chairs. Thanks to Crossroads Diner for the food and to all the others who brought food. Thanks to the Bethel Ambulance, PACE, SMH, RCH, CMMC and MMC and the many doctors and nurses for the wonderful care he received. Thanks for the flower arrangements and the donations to the epilepsy fund in memory of Betsy. Thank you Eli Mann for the beautiful personalized marker with Buster's name on it. Thanks to our extended family who helped us through our loss. We appreciate all of you support.

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(D-2003) and his sister Marion. His beloved older brother James died two days before him.

Doc leaves his five children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His children include David Boynton of Brunswick, Susan Koerher of Dunbarton, N.H., Douglas and Willard Boynton of Monhegan Island and Sally Boynton of Weston, Conn. Grandchildren are Marisa and Claire Boynton of Monhegan Island, Heather Nunes of Sudbury, Mass., Sara Galantowicz of Arlington, Mass. and Christopher Koerher of North Haven. He also leaves four nieces and nephews.

A celebration to honor Doc's life will be held on Monhegan Island for his family and friends.

Contributions in Doc's memory may be made to: Monhegan Associates, 1 Main Street, Monhegan Island, Maine 04852

You are invited to share your condolences and memories with the family by visiting their book of memories at www.hall-funeralhomes.com. Hall's of Thomaston, 78 Main Street, Thomaston is caring for the family.

**ORIN W. SPRAGUE III**

Orin W. Sprague III, 52, passed away on July 28, 2014. He was born in Beverly, Mass. on Feb. 5, 1962.

He is the son of the late

Orin W. Sprague, Jr.

formerly of Bethel and Gert

Friel of Woodstock.

His survivors are his partner in life Vicki Wilson and her/their two children Sonya and Victoria and their four grandchildren. He also left behind five brothers Louis, Pat, Michael and Frank Friel and Richard Sprague and five sisters Sherri Cordwell, Kim Reming-

ton, Dawn Friel, Diana Polli and Sandy Sepanek and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Orin passed away in his home unexpectedly last Monday evening where he lived with his sister Sherri and was surrounded by the love of his family. Family was very important to Orin and he made sure they knew that whenever he was with them. He was particularly fond of his nieces and nephews and had given each one of them their own special nickname. Orin lived and worked in many states and had many friends. As a teenager, Orin worked locally at Andover Wood Products and Newton-Tibbett's with the help of his father Orin Jr. Orin's sense of humor was very evident when you met him. Many of his jokes he told a million times, but somehow he still made them funny no matter how many times you heard them. Orin had a brilliant mind and loved putting it to use when arguing about current affairs. He loved fixing computers and listening to music.

Orin touched so many lives and was compassionate and loving. He rekindled a high school love with Vicki Wilson and helped raised her children as if they were his own.

He was known as Papa O by his grandchildren; Connor, Gloria, Zachary and Shauna. He loved and nurtured his cat Mr. Puss Puss which he had for the past 14 years.

Orin was predeceased by his parents Orin W. and Sharon Sprague and Ed Friel; grandparents Orin and Eunice Sprague and Louis and Margaret Siccotte and a nephew Keith Tedford.

His survivors are his partner in life Vicki Wilson and her/their two children Sonya and Victoria and their four grandchildren. He also left behind five brothers Louis, Pat, Michael and Frank Friel and Richard Sprague and five sisters Sherri Cordwell, Kim Reming-

ton, Dawn Friel, Diana Polli and Sandy Sepanek and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at the Bethel Alliance Church on Aug. 12, 2014 at 6 p.m. A graveside service will be held in the near future for family and close friends.

Condolences may be expressed at [funeralalternatives.net](http://www.funeralalternatives.net).

**STEVEN B. ANDEXLER**

Mr. Steven B. Andexler, 25, died Monday July 28, 2014 in Andover. He was a resident of Route 108 in Peru.

Born in Norway, he was a son of Paul Andexler and Elizabeth Spring. He graduated from Black Mountain Apostolic Academy in South Rumford. He worked in Afghanistan as a Postal Contractor for five years and at the Walmart Distribution Center in Lewiston.

Steven was an avid weapon collector. He loved his jeep, off-roading, hunting, paint ball and video games.

Survivors include his father Paul Andexler of Kristiansand, Norway; a brother Thomas Andexler of Andover; a sister Michelle Pulk and her husband John of Carthage; a niece Emma Elizabeth Andexler of Andover and a nephew Bryce William Pulk of Carthage.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online register book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

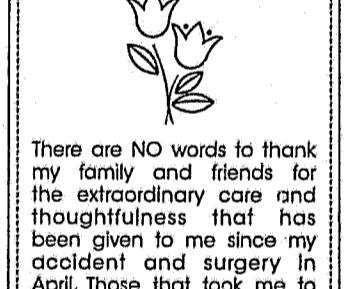
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ROBERT C. COLBY

Robert Curtis Colby, 87 of Rockland, passed away Aug. 2, 2014 in Rockland. He was born Jan. 21, 1927 in Paris Hill, the son of George A. and Alice (Curtis) Colby. Pastor Colby served as a Pastor at churches in Bethel, Rumford, St. Johnsbury, Waterville and Newfoundland and was active in the Greater Grace World Outreach Ministry. He was a WWII veteran. When he was young he enjoyed racing stock cars at Oxford Speedway. Pastor Colby spent his life serving God and loving his family. He and his wife had an impact on many people.

Robert was predeceased by his parents; his daughter Sandra Colby Heikkinen and grandson Jacob I. Knight. He is survived by his wife Dorothy I. Colby.

Musician breaking new ground at free concert

An adventurous, ambient and improvisational instrumental performance by Connii St. Pierre will be presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council at the Bandstand on the Bethel Common for a free concert, Sunday, Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. (rain or shine).

Connii will perform on at least two instruments that may never have been seen live in this region. Aside from a 12-string guitar, loop pedal and electric thumb piano, Connii will be breaking new musical ground on Theremin and shakuhachi.

Shakuhachi is a bamboo head-joint made for western transverse flutes to be played like the Japanese Zen instrument shakuhachi flute. Connii has been studying shakuhachi since 2005, and has played flute since the age of 11. This combination of instruments uses the sound of the Japanese shakuhachi with the fingering of the traditional western flute. Four of Connii's shakuhachi and shakuhachi recordings are part of Wild Divine's bio-feed-back video game, "Zen Journey" with Zen master, Nissim Ammon.

Connii has been working with the Theremin since 2001. The Theremin, originally known as the thereminophone or thereminvox, is an early electronic musical instrument controlled without physical contact by the thereminist (performer). It is named after the westernized name of its Russian inventor, Leon Theremin, who patented the device in 1928. The instrument's controlling section usually consists of two metal antennas which sense the relative position of the thereminist's hands and control oscillators for frequency with one hand, and amplitude (volume) with the other. The electric signals from the Theremin are amplified and sent to a loudspeaker. FMI: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teremin>.

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